

31 October 1946

FROM : DD 102

SUBJECT: VERONAL PROJECT

TO : Chief of Mission via Major Lifschultz

Following is a resume of subject operation:

PROJECT NAME: VERONAL

CAST OFFICERS: DD 102 and KONNEMARA

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: POLAND

TARGETS:

- (a) Contact with Polish Resistance Movements
- (b) To obtain situation report of Polish Underground Resistance
- (c) To obtain counter-intelligence information concerning Soviet suppression and control of resistance in Poland.

PERSONNEL: RYCHLOWSKI, Anton. Code Name: BARBITAL.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

BARBITAL is an energetic and intelligent young man born and raised in JAROSLAW, Poland, where he lived with his parents, a sister and a brother at Ulica Gorschowaka #6. His father, Stanislaw RYCHLOWSKI, was killed in Poland by Ukrainian bandits in 1932. BARBITAL was arrested on the Hungarian border by German authorities in the winter of 1939 and sent to Tarnopol, where he was held about three or four months, and then transferred to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. He was one of the first arrivals at this camp, and was held here until March 1943, when he was sent to Flossenbug. Here he was held until July 1943, when he was transferred to Dachau, where he was freed on 29 April 1945 by the Americans.

It was in Flossenbug Concentration Camp (near Widen on the Czech border) that Abbeyfele first met BARBITAL. From this time on the two became very close friends. ABBEYFELE relates one

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incident where BARBITAL volunteered for a punishment of 25 lashes of the whip in Dachau which were intended for the former. These lashings would probably have cost the life of ABBEYFELE due to his continued bad health and serious physical condition.

Both were liberated from DACHAU, and BARBITAL obtained living quarters in Munich with a private family at Kaiserstr. 52, second floor, where he lived for approximately three months, when he moved to Unerlstr. 13, with Dr. KRAUSHOLL. At approximately this time, he obtained a clerical job with UNRRA in the German museum in Munich. ABBEYFELE maintained occasional contact with BARBITAL after their departure in June. They remained the best of friends, and BARBITAL was always anxious to accomplish any favors for ABBEYFELE.

*and source
friend of LOUGH - a Pol. - no other identification
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OPERATIONAL DETAILS:

On 25 October 1946, BARBITAL was brought to Salzburg for discussions with ABBEYFELE and LOUGH concerning his willingness to return to Poland on a mission on behalf of the Americans. BARBITAL eagerly accepted the suggestions, and plans were made for his return to his home in Jaroslaw via repatriation channels. He will be repatriated sometime within the next ten days, and anticipates his departure from Augsburg or Wildfelchen, Germany, as the repatriation Polish Mission no longer exists in Munich. It is anticipated that BARBITAL will have completed his mission and return approximately mid-December 1946.

Tentative plans for his return are the following:

- (a) To buy illegal passage on a Jewish refugee transport leaving Poland for either Germany or Austria. These transports usually originate in Cattowice from where they proceed through Czechoslovakia to Vienna and then to Linz.
- (b) BARBITAL will contact illegal frontier crosses on the Polish-German border from where he will make his way to the American zone, Germany. Arrangements were made on 28 October 1946 with Mr. Holtzman of SOI/Munich for the following letter-box: Dr. M. Ferid, Tengstr. 6, Munich. BARBITAL was instructed to send a letter marked for Joseph SWOBODA to this address. If this is not feasible, he was also given the alternative of addressing the letter only to Dr. M. Ferid and signing it as Joseph Swoboda. He was also given a telephone number, Salzburg 4929, (confidential phone of DD 102) where he is to ask for "Max". BARBITAL was instructed to indicate in veiled language either through his letter or the telephone call to indicate where he can be reached.

*Is this what FERID is now
being used for?*

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CONTACTS:

BARBITAL was given a general briefing along the following lines:

- (a) The United States is anxious to establish a positive contact with the Polish underground resistance, especially with the MYKOLAYCZEK Underground.
- (b) Contacts should be limited to anti-Soviet nationalist democratic groups who prefer to be independent from English influence or control.
- (c) BARBITAL should arrange for a leading emissary of the resistant movement to make his way to the American zone, Germany or Austria where he can contact the Americans.
- (d) Specifically, BARBITAL is to contact a Roman Catholic priest, Father WARZECHA, Romuald, who is one of the leading figures in the Polish resistance, in Ribnik S.W. Poland. LOUGH is personally acquainted with WARZECHA and met him last in April 1946. BARBITAL will carry a message to him from LOUGH and seek his assistance in establishing important contacts with the Polish resistance.
- (e) BARBITAL will visit his family immediately upon his arrival in Jaroclaw where he will remain for several days. He will then proceed to Ribnik to contact WARZECHA. His cover for traveling to Ribnik, Warsaw, Przemyśl, and other necessary points will be to visit relatives.
- (f) BARBITAL will visit the parents of ABBEYFEL if possible.

CONCENTRATIONS:

BARBITAL will not communicate with the case officers until his return to the American zone, Germany or Austria, in mid-December.

FINANCES-

BARBITAL was given \$110.00 in 50, 20 and 5 dollar denominations which he will hide on his person and smuggle into Poland. In addition, he was given two cartons of cigarettes.

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DOCUMENTS-

Subject will have his usual repatriation documents and a medical certificate certifying that due to his suffering in concentration camps, he had spots on his lungs, or heart ailment. This will offer a legitimate excuse for his delay in returning to Poland. This false medical certificate is being obtained for 500 marks from a Belgian Dr. CILG in the Munich Municipal Hospital in Swabing.

COMMENTS-

BARBITAL is an anti-communist who has survived the ordeal of the concentration camps. He belongs to that element of Polish democratic nationalists who are seeking closer contact with the United States, which in their opinion is the only country willing to give active support for an independent democratic Poland without itself manifesting any political or imperialistic motives. It will probably be several months before the desired contact with the Polish resistance has been made, but it is felt that BARBITAL is a completely trust-worthy and loyal person for this extremely important assignment. Although he is not briefed specifically to obtain information concerning the Soviet intelligence and security organizations in Poland, it is expected that high level C.E. information as well as positive military and economic information will follow. If this project materializes, future plans are to establish direct communication and courier routes into Poland to the various resistance movements headquarters.

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Section Chief

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Chief of Mission

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